
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEBRUARY 11, 1867.

Read twice, referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. J. H. RICE, on leave, introduced the following bill :

A BILL

Authorizing the purchase by the United States of the farm of the late Robert Isherwood.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars be, and the
4 same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury
5 not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of the land ad-
6 joining the city of Washington known as the "Isherwood
7 Farm," containing one hundred acres, be the same more
8 or less.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, immediately
2 after the passage of this act, the Commissioner of Public
3 Buildings shall cause the title of said estate to be examined
4 by the attorney of the United States for the District of Co-

5 lumbia ; and if it is found by him to be undoubted, then the
 6 said Commissioner shall cause said estate to be conveyed to
 7 the United States by the proper person or persons having
 8 authority to convey the same, and upon the certificate of the
 9 said attorney that the conveyance is good in law, the said
 10 sum of seventy-five thousand dollars shall be paid to the
 11 owners of said property, or to their attorney properly qualified
 12 to receive the same. And the said Commissioner shall cause
 13 said deed to be duly recorded in the land records of the county
 14 of Washington, and the property thus purchased shall there-
 15 after be deemed and become a part of the city of Washing-
 16 ton, and be subject to all the laws, rules, regulations, and
 17 ordinances that the other parts of the said city are subject to.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That as soon as said
 2 land becomes the property of the United States, the Secre-
 3 tary of the Interior shall select a proper site thereon for the
 4 jail of the District of Columbia, in lieu of the site selected in
 5 eighteen hundred and sixty-six, viz : square number one thou-
 6 sand and twenty-six. And the Secretary of War shall select
 7 so much of the remainder of said property as may be neces-
 8 sary for military depots of all kinds ; and all private property
 9 occupied for such purpose shall thenceforth be abandoned,
 10 and restored to the possession of the owners thereof, and all
 11 rents therefor shall cease.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all the remainder

2 of said estate, if any, shall be laid out and divided into
3 squares, lots, streets, alleys, and reservations, to correspond
5 with other portions of the city, and to be under the same
6 rules and regulations ; and all the divisions of said property
7 shall be recorded in the office of the said Commissioner of
8 Public Buildings in the same manner as the divisions of the
9 city have been heretofore recorded.